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- The New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority suspended all train service between the Rockaway Boulevard and Broad Channel Stations May 27 after discovering the theft of 500 feet of copper May 26. – *Associated Press* (See item [10](#))
- DHS and U.S. Department of Agriculture officials broke ground May 27 to begin construction of the National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility in Kansas for study of foreign animal and emerging zoonotic diseases. – *U.S. Department of Homeland Security* (See item [14](#))
- Officials closed a portion of the Manhattan, Hermosa and Redondo Beach coastlines May 27 as a precaution while several agencies collect samples to investigate an oil-like substance that washed ashore. – *KAB7 Los Angeles* (See item [17](#))
- Crews restored telecommunication services to CenturyLink customers between Carbondale and Aspen May 27 after a severed a fiber-optic cable caused a 19-hour outage that impacted 9-1-1, cell-phone, landline, and internet services. – *Aspen Times* (See item [29](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *May 27, Reuters* – (Texas) **At least three injured after tornado hits Texas gas drilling rig.** Hemphill County authorities reported May 27 that at least 3 workers were injured when a tornado hit a natural gas drilling rig in Canadian, Texas, and caused extensive damage to its doghouses. The damage's impact on drilling operations is unknown.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/05/28/us-oil-texas-tornado-idUSKBN0OD01720150528>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

2. *May 28, CNN* – (International) **Live anthrax inadvertently shipped by U.S. military.** The U.S. Department of Defense reported May 27 that 4 laboratory workers in the U.S. and 22 people at a U.S. Air Force base in South Korea were placed in post-exposure treatment after inadvertently receiving live anthrax samples via FedEx. The facilities have been decontaminated and the anthrax destroyed.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/27/politics/live-anthrax-us-military-sent-inadvertently/index.html>

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Financial Services Sector

3. *May 28, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* – (Arkansas) **LR man reaches a deal in IRS**

case. The former CEO, president, and manager of Little Rock-based Global Coal LLC pleaded guilty May 27 to charges alleging that he fraudulently sold millions of dollars' worth of non-existent refined coal tax credits since starting the company in 2010.
Source: <http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/may/28/lr-man-reaches-a-deal-in-irs-case-20150/>

4. ***May 27, Reuters – (International) World soccer rocked by U.S., Swiss arrests of officials for graft.*** Seven Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) officials were arrested on U.S. corruption and face extradition in Switzerland May 27 after an investigation revealed FIFA officials were allegedly apart of corruption involving more than \$150 million in bribes over a period of 24 years. U.S. officials reportedly plan to make more arrests in connection to the charges and announced a criminal investigation into the awarding of the next two World Cups.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/05/27/soccer-fifa-idUSL1N0YI0U620150527>
5. ***May 27, The Oregonian/OregonLive – (Oregon) ‘Short Stack Bandit’ pleads guilty to 5 Portland area bank robberies.*** A bank robbery suspect dubbed the “Short Stack Bandit” pleaded guilty May 26 to allegedly robbing 5 Portland-area banks and attempting to rob another from 2013 – 2014.
Source:
http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2015/05/short_stack_bandit_pleads_guil.html
6. ***May 26, NorthJersey.com – (New Jersey) Police seeking suspect in ATM thefts at Kearny Bank in North Arlington.*** Authorities are searching for a suspect that allegedly used a skimming device to steal over \$100,000 dollars from more than 128 customers of Kearny Bank in North Arlington in April. The bank plans to reimburse affected customers.
Source: <http://www.northjersey.com/news/police-seeking-suspect-in-atm-thefts-at-kearny-bank-in-north-arlington-1.1342519>
7. ***May 26, Courthouse News Service – (Texas) Ponzi man looking at eight years in stir.*** The former owner of Dallas-based GC Resources LLC pleaded guilty May 28 to charges connected to an alleged Ponzi scheme in which he solicited \$11.8 million worth of investments in oil and gas wells that the company neither owned nor controlled and forged contracts to fool victims.
Source: <http://www.courthousenews.com/2015/05/26/ponzi-man-looking-at-eight-years-in-stir.htm>

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. ***May 28, WHAS 11 Louisville – (Kentucky) KSP: 2 separate accidents shut down I-65S Wednesday afternoon.*** Interstate 65 south in Hardin County reopened May 28 after being closed for several hours while crews cleared the scenes of 2 separate multi-

vehicle accidents that injured 2 people.

Source: <http://www.whas11.com/story/news/local/2015/05/27/i-65-sb-shutdown-after-multi-vehicle-accident-in-bullitt-co/28027875/>

9. ***May 28, KCTV 5 Kansas City – (Missouri) Passengers stranded at KCI after plane's emergency landing.*** United Airlines flight headed from Kansas City to Denver was forced to head back to Kansas City International Airport to make an emergency landing May 27 after losing 1 of 3 hydraulics. The plane landed safely and the 142 passengers have been rescheduled for other flights.

Source: <http://www.kctv5.com/story/29168983/passengers-stranded-at-kci-after-planes-emergency-landing>

10. ***May 27, Associated Press – (New York) Theft of copper cable causes major disruption on NYC subways.*** The New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority suspended all train service between the Rockaway Boulevard and Broad Channel Stations in Queens May 27 and replaced it with shuttle busses after discovering the theft of 500 feet of copper cables from 12 different locations along the tracks May 26.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/theft-copper-cable-major-disruption-nyc-subways-31336958>

11. ***May 27, CNN – (Tennessee) Delta pilot orders pizza for delayed flight.*** Delta Air Lines flight headed from Philadelphia to Atlanta was diverted to Knoxville May 26 due to severe weather, which delayed the flight for approximately 3 hours. Delta had 106 cancelations and 635 flights delayed May 26 for weather-related issues.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/27/travel/delta-pilot-orders-delayed-flight-pizza-feat/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

12. ***May 27, Omaha World Herald – (Nebraska) Nebraska ag department confirms 4th case of bird flu in State.*** Nebraska's Department of Agriculture announced May 27 that the highly pathogenic H5N2 avian flu tested positive in a flock of 3 million birds at a farm in Knox County, nearly doubling the number of chickens affected in the State. The flock is scheduled to be euthanized while responders are conducting tests at neighboring farms within a 6.2-mile radius.

Source: http://www.omaha.com/money/nebraska-ag-department-confirms-th-case-of-bird-flu-in/article_6914e394-04ab-11e5-9fdd-93e0fc0eba94.html

13. ***May 27, Food Safety News – (National) Natural Grocers macadamia nuts recalled for Salmonella risk.*** Lakewood-based Vitamin Cottage Natural Food Markets Inc., issued a recall for its Natural Grocers brand macadamia nuts May 27 after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration found traces of Salmonella in product samples. The product was distributed to 96 Natural Grocer stores nationwide.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2015/05/natural-grocers-macadamia-nuts-recalled-for-salmonella-risk/#.VWcH5yTD-Uk>

14. *May 27, U.S. Department of Homeland Security* – (National) **DHS and USDA break ground for National Bio- and Agro- Defense Facility.** DHS and U.S. Department of Agriculture officials officially broke ground May 27 to begin construction of the National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility in Manhattan, Kansas, which will act as a 570,000 square foot biocontainment facility for the study of foreign animal and emerging zoonotic diseases that threaten animal agriculture and public health in the U.S.

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/news/2015/05/27/dhs-and-usda-break-ground-national-bio-and-agro-defense-facility>

15. *May 26, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Bedessee Imports Inc., voluntarily recalls Brown Betty Coconut Milk Power due to presence of undeclared milk.** Bedessee Imports Inc., issued a recall May 26 of Brown Betty Coconut Milk Powder Mix due to an undeclared milk allergen containing Sodium Caseinate. The product was sold in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, North Carolina, and Florida.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm448375.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

16. *May 28, WCVB 5 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Water restored after major main break; boil order in effect.** Officials issued a boil order after crews restored water to the Brockton area May 28 following a massive water main break that left thousands without service and prompted the cancelation of elective surgeries at Brockton Hospital, and forced early dismissal at Brockton district schools May 27.

Source: <http://www.wcvb.com/news/state-of-emergency-remains-in-effect-after-major-water-main-break/33259774>

17. *May 27, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **Manhattan, Hermosa and Redondo Beach coastline closed to public due to oil-like substance.** Officials closed a portion of Manhattan, Hermosa and Redondo Beach coastlines May 27 as a precaution while several agencies collect samples to investigate the cause, composition, and source of an oil-like substance that washed ashore.

Source: <http://abc7.com/news/oil-slick-closes-large-stretch-of-manhattan-hermosa-and-redondo-beaches/745175/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

18. *May 26, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Lockport pharmacist accused of \$2.4M health care fraud scheme.** Federal authorities reported May 26 that a Lockport

pharmacist was indicted in a \$2.4 million prescription drug fraud and identity theft scheme that allegedly targeted Medicare, Medicaid, and three major health insurers by using patient and physician names to file false insurance claims and sell counterfeit or mislabeled drugs.

Source: <http://chicago.suntimes.com/crime/7/71/637771/lockport-pharmacist-accused-2-4m-health-care-fraud-scheme>

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Government Facilities Sector

19. *May 28, Kingston Daily Freeman* – (New York) **9 students, 2 adults injured in Dutchess County crash that leaves school bus on its side.** A Wappingers Falls School District bus was involved in a 3-vehicle accident in Poughkeepsie May 27 that sent 9 students, the driver of the school bus, and another driver to an area hospital.
Source: <http://www.dailystar.com/general-news/20150527/9-students-2-adults-injured-in-dutchess-county-crash-that-leaves-school-bus-on-its-side>
20. *May 27, WBTW 13 Florence* – (South Carolina) **All Timmonsville schools lose power, cancel classes.** Schools in Florence School District 4 will remain closed May 28 after a May 27 power outage occurred that affected the entire Timmonsville Education Center.
Source: <http://www.wbtw.com/story/29169113/all-timmonsville-schools-lose-power-cancel-classes>
21. *May 27, Softpedia* – (Florida) **Florida Department of State leaks SSNs of 13,000 people.** The Florida Department of State disclosed May 22 that the personally identifiable information of 13,000 Florida residents on a wait list for developmental disability health care services from 2003 was inadvertently leaked to individuals requesting unredacted copies from Florida's Bureau of Archives. The leak was connected to a previous breach which involved emails released by a former Florida governor that were taken down and processed.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Florida-Department-of-State-Leaks-SSNs-of-13-000-People-482461.shtml>
22. *May 27, KITV 4 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **USS Arizona Memorial visits suspended due to damaged dock.** The U.S. National Park Service reported May 27 that tours on the USS Arizona Memorial are suspended after a hospital ship damaged the memorial's floating dock as it was being assisted out of Pearl Harbor by 2 tug boats. Officials have assessed the damage and believe that repairs will take about a week.
Source: <http://www.kitv.com/news/uss-arizona-memorial-visits-suspended-due-to-damaged-dock/33250346>
23. *May 27, WAGT 26 Augusta* – (South Carolina) **Greendale Elementary preschool student killed in Beech Island school bus and tractor trailer accident.** Officials reported that a student from Greendale Elementary School in Aiken County was killed

in a school bus accident May 27 after the bus driver crossed the center line and struck an oncoming semi-truck. The bus driver and one other student were injured and taken to area hospitals.

Source: <http://www.nbc26.tv/story/29165984/update-greendale-elementary-preschool-student-killed-in-beech-island-school-bus-and-tractor-trailer-accident>

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Emergency Services Sector

24. *May 28, Brunswick News* – (Georgia) **Former Darien police officer indicted for alleged drug evidence theft.** A McIntosh County Grand Jury indicted a former Darien police officer May 26 for violating his oath of office by allegedly stealing more than \$1,500 worth of drugs while on duty as the evidence custodian from 2010 – 2014.
Source: http://www.thebrunswicknews.com/news/former-darien-police-officer-indicted-for-alleged-drug-evidence-theft/article_f3a792e4-99e0-557e-b11d-04a44eefd2e0.html
25. *May 27, KXAS 5 Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Dallas man accused of stealing ambulance, posing as doctor.** Dallas police arrested a man May 26 after he allegedly impersonated a physician by entering a patient's room, and stole and crashed an ambulance from the Medical City Dallas Hospital.
Source: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Dallas-Man-Accused-of-Stealing-Ambulance-Posing-as-Doctor-305270311.html>

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Information Technology Sector

26. *May 28, Softpedia* – (International) **Apache Cordova glitch allows tampering with mobile app behavior.** A security researcher at Trend Micro discovered a high-severity security flaw in Android apps built with Apache Cordova which could allow an attacker to use locally compromised apps or remote web servers to inject malicious intent bundles by taking advantage of default behavior preferences in the Cordova framework.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Apache-Cordova-Glitch-Allows-Tampering-with-Mobile-App-Behavior-482561.shtml>
27. *May 27, Softpedia* – (International) **Flash Player vulnerability exploited 2 weeks after Adobe's patch release.** Security researchers at FireEye discovered that cybercriminals are targeting outdated versions of Adobe's Flash player with drive-by attacks that leverage a memory corruption vulnerability to deliver the Bedep trojan, which initiates click-fraud activities and an infection cycle that funnels in additional

malware through redirects.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Flash-Player-Vulnerability-Exploited-2-Weeks-After-Adobe-s-Patch-Release-482475.shtml>

28. *May 27, Threatpost* – (International) **Rockwell addresses weak password protections in its HMI software.** Rockwell Automation patched a vulnerability in its RSView32 human machine interface (HMI) software in which an attacker with local access could exploit weak, outdated user-defined password encryption algorithms to reveal passwords and gain access to the automation environment.
Source: <https://threatpost.com/rockwell-addresses-weak-password-protections-in-its-hmi-software/113034>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

29. *May 27, Aspen Times* – (Colorado) **Crews restore telecom services to Aspen after 19-hour outage.** Crews restored telecommunications services to CenturyLink customers between Carbondale and Aspen May 27 after a third party contractor severed a fiber-optic cable causing a 19-hour outage May 26 that impacted local 9-1-1, cell-phone, landline, and internet services.
Source: <http://www.aspentimes.com/news/16533487-113/crews-restore-telecom-services-to-aspen-after-19-hour>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

30. *May 28, Washington Post* – (California) **Suspect arrested in connection with massive Los Angeles apartment fire.** Los Angeles police arrested a man May 26 for allegedly starting a December 2014 fire that left the 7-story Da Vinci Apartment complex and a nearby city-owned building destroyed, causing up to \$90 million in damages.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2015/05/28/suspect-arrested-in-connection-with-a-massive-apartment-building-fire-in-downtown-los-angeles/?tid=hpModule_9d3add6c-8a79-11e2-98d9-3012c1cd8d1e
31. *May 28, KFMB 8 San Diego* – (California) **Fish Market closed after fire rips through restaurant during dinner rush.** A grease fire that authorities believe started in the vent system of the Fish Market in San Diego's Embarcadero prompted the restaurant's evacuation and closure May 27. No injuries were reported and estimated

damages total \$1.2 million.

Source: <http://www.cbs8.com/story/29174356/fire-breaks-out-at-fish-market-restaurant>

32. *May 26, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New York) **Conway Stores again locks emergency exits at Bronx stores.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited California-based Southern Island Stores LLC with 5 violations at its Conway Stores Bronx Location for locked exits and other hazards, including an ineffective extermination program. Proposed fines total \$80,300.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=28041

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Dams Sector

33. *May 28, WWMT 3 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Inspectors to look over repair work at Gun Lake Dam Thursday AM.** The Michigan Department of Environmental Equality was inspecting and assessing repair work on the Gun Lake dam May 28 after crews had to shore up a portion that failed May 27.

Source: http://www.wwmt.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/Inspectors-to-look-over-repair-work-at-Gun-Lake-Dam-Thursday-AM-141490.shtml#.VWc_IvlVhBc

34. *May 27, KVUE 24 Austin* – (Texas) **LCRA continues floodgate operations across Central Texas.** The Lower Colorado River Authority halted floodgate operations May 26 across Central Texas including Wirtz Dam at Lake LBJ, Starke Dam at Lake Marble Falls, Lake Buchanan, Inks Lake, and Mansfield Dam on Lake Travis.

Source: <http://www.kvue.com/story/weather/2015/05/25/lcra-launches-floodgate-operations-at-starke-wirtz-dams/27926007/>

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